

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

PATENT APPLICATION:  
Serial No. UNKNOWN

ORIGINALLY FILED:  
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FOR:  
OVERSCAN HELICAL SCAN  
HEAD FOR NON-TRACKING  
TAPE SUBSYSTEMS  
READING AT UP TO 1X SPEED  
AND METHODS FOR  
SIMULATION OF SAME

INVENTORS: Blatchley et al.

GROUP ART UNIT: UNKNOWN

EXAMINER: Unknown

DOCKET NUMBER: 9086-104D

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining the above named application, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks:

***AMENDMENTS***

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification after the title by inserting the following heading:

--Cross Reference to Related Applications--;

and add the paragraph:

--This is a divisional of copending application serial number 09/176,013  
filed on October 20, 1998.--.

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 13 as follows: